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THE NOBLE BAND.

Late and early, early and late,
I see them there at the engine gate,
The glad-faced boys of Company S.
A gallant band and true.
With beaming eye for some passing beauty,
Yet ear alert for the call of duty,
Stand the boys in the shirts of blue.

A smile for all and hate for none,
A tender caress for each little one.
O, gentle hearts and true!
The loving mothers who gave you birth,
May well be proud of your manly worth,
Be proud of their boys in blue.

If, 'tis there's the signal's vibrant clash;
In to their places the brave steeds crash,
With instinct strange and true;
And, swift as the meteor's sudden flash,
With thund'rous tread to the street they dash,
And away with the boys in blue.

Away to the scene of some dread disaster—
On, on they speed, fast, faster, faster;
Needs is the voice or lash of master,
Brave, their work they do.
They reach at last the Fire Fiend's lair,
On go the boys up some tottering stair,
For women and children are dying there—
On, on go the boys in blue!

On with brave heart, bat bated breath,
Daring the red-hot jaws of death!
On go that band so true.
Hark! woman's shriek, and man's hoarse shout—
"The mother and children all are out!"
Ay, saved by the boys in blue!

And bronzed cheeks that sorrow yet
With tears has never touched are wet,
Because of your deeds so true;
Ay! freely of your lives ye gave
In sacrifice, so others live—
God bless ye! boys in blue!

If that the hero's crown be won
By noble deeds all nobly done.
Then should ye crowned be, each one,
Unfailing hearts, and true!
But should the world forget to praise,
God still remembers and repays,
And may he gladden all the days
Of the boys in the shirts of blue.

—*Dora Shaw.*

A SAVAGE TALISMAN.

Some years ago the ship to which I belonged was condemned as unseaworthy, in the port of Melbourne, Australia, and it was my fortune, or misfortune, to remain adrift there for several weeks before getting a berth for a new voyage. During this time I boarded in a public-house which was known by the odd name of the Blueskin. The sign—for every English tavern or inn must have an emblematic device of some sort—represented a huge eel painted in blue on a light ground, with Blueskin in large capitals, and below this the passer-by was informed in smaller lettering that Alexander Stuart was duly licensed, and was ready at all hours to furnish entertainment for man and beast.

Alexander, or "Sandy," Stuart, as he was more generally called, was an elderly man of strong, brawny make, evidently of Scotch birth, and like most of that race, thrifty, shrewd and intelligent. His wife was a blonde, buxom Irish woman, who might have been a beauty in her younger days. There was a daughter of perhaps twenty, fair to look upon, and bearing a strong resemblance to her mother, but there was a son who must have been nearly forty years old and had a family of his own, but living hard by, and often in and out, making himself quite at home. Qualan Stuart, as he was called, bore some faint resemblance to the old landlord, but the strong, Scotch features were much softened and rounded down. I can set him down as having been the issue of a previous marriage, for it was scarcely possible Sandy and his Irish wife could both be his parents.

One warm evening, when the tide of custom seemed to have ceased to flow for that night, and old Stuart was about closing up the shutters, I stood in the doorway, and glancing up at the hanging sign I remarked to him:—

"That's an odd idea, isn't it?"

"What is?" he asked.

"That serpentine symbol on your sign, and the name of your house, too; I've been quite unable to see the fitness of it."

"Ah, indeed! Perhaps not, but thereby hangs a tale, as old Will Shakespere says. You may have observed that my son has an odd name, too, Qualan Stuart. Can you put that and that together now?" he asked. "Yes," I answered, after thinking a moment. "Qualan is the name sometimes applied to Strong's island, one of the Caroline group, which I have visited two or three times in my life, and I have heard those people talk about Blueskin, or at least a word which had that sound, as the name of their god or Great Spirit."

"Just so," answered Sandy, with an approving smile.

"I thought it likely that in the course of your whaling voyages you had cruised down that way, and so you'll better comprehend the story that I'm going to tell you. It's a quiet time now," he added as he pushed the last bolt of the door, "and we can enjoy a pipe while I spin out the yarn."

I had only touched among the Caroline islands for a few days at a time, and was not really much acquainted with the habits and customs or the superstitions of the natives. But the little that I knew prepared me to listen to more from the old man, who had lived among those people, and broken bread-fruit with them. But I will let him tell his own tale in his own way, premising that the more the reader knows of the locality and its inhabitants, the more readily he will credit the whole narrative of old Sandy Stuart.

I was a strapping, happy-go lucky young fellow, when I shipped at Hobart Town, for a trading voyage down among the Groups, in the Newcastle.

We had knocked about for some months among the savages at the Mulgraves and the King's mills, driving a trade for shells and cocoa-nut oil, and anything that he thought could be sold again in the colonial ports, but the Newcastle was a venerable old castle, and plagued us much at the pumps, especially after we had rasped her on a coral reef one night through the carelessness of the lookout. The usage was none of the best, and I determined to cut and run as soon as a good opportunity offered. So when we were lying in the weather harbor of Qualan, or Strong's island, as you call it, I made a secret bargain with one of the chiefs, who stowed me away so snugly that the captain, after exhausting all his arguments in the way of persuasion, threats and bribery, was compelled to put to sea one hand short.

He left word that he meant to come back to the island in a few days to get his lost man, but of course he did not come. The object was merely to scare and annoy me, and I knew well enough that if he had really intended to come back, he would have kept secret about it.

So as soon as the Newcastle's royals had sunk below the horizon, I came out of my retirement, and made myself as free of the island as the authorities would allow.

There was only one white man residing among the savages when I landed—an Irishman, known simply as Larry, who had been there many years, and was quite as much of a savage as any of the natives. The young woman, Saysa, to whom I had attached myself, was a sister of the chief who had helped me to desert, and as she had become very fond of me, I had powerful friends in her and her brother. But as you know the government there is despotic in the highest degree, and the power of etiquette and deference to superior rank exceeds anything in that way to be found among the islanders of the Pacific.

But I had been only a few days among these people when an unfortunate accident was near putting an end to all my plans. My friend Selic, the chief, was the owner of a shot-gun, and lent it to me to go into the woods to shoot tropical pigeons. A young native—one of Selic's vassals, he might be called, a rather weak-minded fellow, but alert of eye and swift of foot—was sent with me to act as guide, and also to carry the game which I might be lucky enough to kill. At a moment when poor Arlik was running a little in advance of me, and looking back, my gun, catching at a twig, unfortunately went off, and one of the small shot spoiled one of his eyes forever. Of course I was horror stricken at this mishap, and I at once led the poor fellow home, telling every one honestly just what had occurred, and how it happened. I was much surprised at the looks of sadness that I met with from Selic, and others of my best friends, for their feelings of concern appeared not to be so much for the poor sufferer as for myself. A crowd was soon drawn together by the news, and on the arrival of the king a few solemn words spoken to him by one of the higher chiefs, who went down on his knees while speaking, appeared to arouse in him something which was not so much anger as a certain sternness, like that of the Roman father, as if he had a duty to perform at any sacrifice. At a signal from him I was seized by three or four stalwart men, who used no more violence than was necessary to make me their prisoner, and started off toward the great-council-house. I felt that my best policy would be to offer no resistance, and to face boldly any and all investigation into the facts of the case.

I now learned for the first time, that the immutable law of Qualan was far more severe upon accidents like this than upon any case of injury intentionally done. A quarrel might be fought out, and each combatant take his chance in the duel, but in case of accident, the reparation must be, as nearly as possible, double the original debt, and as the regal authorities always took the matter in hand, the injured person had no voice in it. It was not simply "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth,' but lex talionis required two for one in every case. If a man by accident knocked out the tooth of another, he must lose two teeth; if he broke his neighbor's arm, both his own arms must be broken in a similar manner; and if a finger were crushed, he must lose the same finger from each hand. As I had darkened one of Arlik's eyes, I was, of course, doomed to life-long darkness. The operation would be performed, he said, with a powerful vegetable acid, which would destroy the sight at once, but would leave no other injuries, and would affect no other part.

I looked around upon the faces of the dense crowd. There was no expression of anger or ill-will against me, nor, on the other hand, could I perceive a shade of pity on a single countenance. All were set with an air of stern determination and pride in their unanimous respect for the law. I served myself for the death-struggle that was to come, set my teeth firmly, and moved on. We entered the great council-house, the crowd of men, women and children following, though in good order, and without noisy demonstrations.

The king and chief led the way, and his majesty motioned my conductors to lead me to one of the rude benches, and seat me there. I had hoped for at least a glance of pity from Selic, but he stood calm and immovable as the other officials. When I was seated, they were about to bind my hands together behind my back, but I resisted this stontly, and Larry, coming to my aid, explained to the king that I knew what my fate was to be, and was prepared to meet it like a man.

There was a murmur of admiration at what they considered my heroic courage, and the royal command was given to my keepers to refrain from my violence, merely standing upon their guard to seize me at a moment's warning, should it be found necessary. They fell back a little, and now their attention had been centered upon an old woman who was entering the door at the further end of the great temple, bearing a calabash, which I felt must be the vessel containing the fatal essence to be applied to my eyes. At this instant there was a quick light step on the bamboo floor behind me, the lightest touch of a soft hand, and something rough, cold and clammy passed round my throat.

A yell broke from those who saw it, joined in and swelled by the voices of the whole assembly; but any movement was too late,—the deft little fingers of my friend Saysa had fastened the something, whatever it might be, at the back of my neck, for with a side glance I had recognized her, and now heard her clear voice utter a scream of triumph. The whole crowd, even to the king himself, dropped as with one accord upon their knees, and the cry of "Blueskin! Blueskin!" shook the rafters of the council-house.

The enchanted necklace was simply the skin of a certain peculiar species of eel, such as I have never seen elsewhere, and which even at Qualan is very rare, and is never met with except in a certain little cove or inlet way up at the head of the lagoon. This eel is especially sacred to the great deity, Blueskin, and its skin, worn on the person, operates as the most powerful of all the forms of taboo. So long as this charm encircled my neck, I was safe, for in its presence even human law was suspended in its operation, and not royalty itself dare lay violent hands upon the wearer.

It was employed only in great and special emergencies, and instances of its use in this way to save the condemned from punishment were exceedingly rare. In such cases, if applied by the hands of a woman, it was instantly acknowledged as the special act of Blueskin himself, acting through her as his agent.

My person was now looked upon as sacred, and the crowd dispersed to their several pursuits. It was nightfall when we arrived at the house of my preserver, and then while I held her up to my heart, she told me how to conduct myself, so as to be safe from all harm.

I must now wear the eel-skin necklace night and day, and never venturing to remove it for a moment, until a period of three moons had elapsed. No person would dare to take it off, except in one particular manner, and this would be by passing the end of another skin of the same sort through mine, between it and my neck, and then pulling upon it. If anyone could succeed in doing this and thus breaking my collar, I should be at the mercy of the law.

At the expiration of the appointed period of three moons, Saysa joyfully took off my uncomfortable cravat, and I was not sorry to go abroad free from the incumbrance, and safe from the pursuit of the law, at least for the present. I was now entirely relieved from that kind of social ban under which I had lived for three months, and went about my business like a native of the island.

I was married to my Saysa with all due ceremonies according to the custom of her people; felt myself settled down to become a savage. I was called into the royal presence, and informed from the king's own mouth that I never should be allowed to go on board any ship, or even to communicate with the crew of any vessel that might arrive.

I was well treated, and my wife was always at my side; but my life would have been the forfeit if I had strayed beyond certain limits.

I was the only white man residing on Qualan during the period of fifteen years after the death of Larry, who was drowned in the upsetting of a canoe. I seemed to have nearly forgotten my native language, and should have done so perhaps, but for the eagerness of the Strong's islanders to acquire English, which kept me most of the time in the capacity of a teacher of that tongue.

I was not told by the king or chiefs the reason for my thus being forbidden to leave their country, and it was a long time before I could get the whole truth from my wife. But as I became more and more master of the language, I picked up many things which were were not intended for my ears or understanding, and having gathered a part of the truth I prevailed upon Saysa to make the whole clear to me. And here comes in the strange superstitious belief of Qualan.

One who has been saved from the law is only suspended; penalty is laid up not only against him if he outlives his victim, but against his posterity if otherwise. I was safe during the life of Arlik; but, instantly on his decease, I should be held to account for the maiming, and the old penalty rigidly enforced, the operation of destroying my eyes to be performed on the day and hour set apart for Arlik's funeral. It was believed that only in this way could Arlik find favor with the great Blueskin, and get what one might call his ticket of admission to the happy home beyond.

But this was not all, and not even the worst feature of the terrible possibilities. Under the infernal ingenuity of the Qualan law, if I myself chanced to die before Arlik, the penalty of my accident was to be visited upon my innocent boy! To appease Blueskin, my eldest born must be blinded with the infernal liquid, and if I left no issue the nearest relative or connection must suffer, which in this case would be my true and tender wife, Saysa, who had thus placed herself in the jaws of danger when she had thus saved and married me. And in neither case could the rolkan be brought into play to stay the divine wrath. The power of the eel-skin taboo extended only during a single life, and this the shorter of the two. From the summons of Blueskin at the death of either party there could be no earthly appeal.

The boy, of course, know nothing of the fearful burden which his parents were forced to carry, sustained only by their love for each other.

Thus the years were on until Qualan Stuart had grown to a stout boy of thirteen, when my poor friend Arlik fell sick of a slow, intermittent fever and I was called to attend him. As I had taken a partial course of study of anatomy and medicine when a youth, in old Scotland, I really knew something of the matter, and from my successful handling of many similar cases I had acquired quite a reputation as a medicine man. Arlik and I had always been fast friends, and well the worthy fellow knew that no human being had a more direct interest in his recovery than I had. His death would be more than death to me, and you may depend that I employed my best skill and care upon his case.

But a study of his symptoms for a few days satisfied me that he would never recover. At each recurrence of the fever he grew weaker, and it was evident that he had not vitality enough to work a cure. His death would not be immediate or sudden, but Arlik was surely doomed.

I made light of the case, however, and expressed the most perfect conviction of my ability to complete a cure. In the intervals when he was stronger, I made the most of the fact, and assured the king and every one else, excepting my faithful wife, that he was gaining rapidly, and would be well again. But while I thus disarmed suspicion, there was the most perfect understanding with Saysa, and we knew that there was no time to be lost. We must take the chances of the ocean, carrying our boy with us, and live or die together.

I had my own small canoe, in which I was accustomed to go outside the reef, torching for flying fish, and it was quite a matter of course for our wives to accompany us on these cruises. Of late I had often taken my boy too, as he was now getting stout enough to be of service, and to begin learning the duties of a man.

One day when Arlik was unusually bright, and my predictions of his speedy recovery louder than ever before, I gave the secret word to Saysa, for that evening, if ever, was to be our time. At dusk, having just paid a visit to my friend, who was in high spirits, and honestly so, while I was only feigning the same happy condition, I went from the sick room directly to the beach, where my wife and boy awaited me, with the canoe in readiness for pushing off.

There were several other canoes going out, and some which started earlier were already on the fishing grounds with their torches blazing away merrily. We lagged a little in the rear of the consorts, and were among the last to arrive, taking up our station at the lee end of the line.

You know something yourself of the manner of taking flying fish. The canoes lie to close on a wind with the great sails of matting stretched taut; and the flying fish, attracted by the light of the blazing torches, fly against the sail, and drop into the bottom of the canoe.

Taking our places at the lee end of fleet, I allowed the canoe gradually to sag off, widening the distance between us and our neighbors, and when the proper moment seemed to have arrived, I swung her off with a free sheet, dropping my torch as if by accident into the sea. There was nothing now but to make the utmost speed, and we plied our paddles with all the muscle we possessed under the united power of the paddles and the sail, with a brisk trade-wind blowing, our progress was very swift, and we were soon looking back upon the torchlights like dim sparks in the distance. We detected no signs of their having taken the alarm, and now felt sure of getting a good start of any pursuit.

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As the sun dipped down below the ocean, the evening after our escape, my wife's sharp eyes spied a sail nearly ahead, and we out-did ourselves in our eagerness to draw near. Soon we had approached so that I could see her lower sails or courses nearly down to her hull, but my anxiety was great as to whether they had seen us. If she was a whaler, as I hoped, it was possible that her lookouts at the mast-head might catch sight of a sail, when they took their last look round the horizon before descending from their stations at sundown.

On the ship depended my salvation, for if I could only communicate with her, my dangers were all over. I must keep up the power of both sails and paddles, and if I could only shape my course direct enough in the dark, I might well be able to overhaul her now that she was under easy sail.

We exchanged not a word for hours, but I could hear the beating of the faithful heart at my side as we plied our paddle-strokes for dear life.

Again my keen-eyed boy viewed his short, sharp cry, pointing with his hand away off the port bow. His mother missed her regular paddle dip, and also pointed with her hand.

"Light, ho!" I shouted instinctively, for the old sailor impulse was yet strong within me, and my hopes went up so high, that for a moment I was reckless of the danger of making a noise. If the ship kept a light set, I could easily reach her, for I should have a guide to steer by. I did not know why she should set a light, and was not prepared for the full joy and happiness that so soon awaited me.

For a few minutes, toil at the paddles made it plain as we and the light neared each other so rapidly, that the ship had tacked soon after dark, and was now heading up toward us with her signal lanterns aloft in full swing. Our sails had been seen then before night had closed in, and the ship had manœuvered accordingly.

As we answered her hail, she swung her head yards in aback, and in a few minutes more we were on the deck of the colonial whaler Brutus of Sydney, and telling our tale to a score of British seamen.

It all seemed like a dream to me, who had not been on board a ship or seen the features of a white man for nearly fifteen years. I had been so long an outcast that although it was five months before the Brutus returned to her home port, I had scarcely even then acquired the ways and customs of civilized men.

But we were lucky in obtaining a good fare of sperm oil, and as I did a seaman's duty to the best of my ability I was allowed a lay of the catchings, and many little presents were made to my wife and boy by our shipmates, so that we were not quite penniless when we stepped ashore in Australia. I soon found employment, for I could not think of going to sea again, and leaving Saysa in what was to her a strange land.

We were in a fair way to prosper, and I should have been very happy but for the failing health of my wife, who had been so true and loving to me through all our changes and trials.

But Saysa was a child of the tropics, and the new climate was too much for her. She continued steadily to droop, and no medical skill could reach the case. Within a year I was a widower, and but for the son who was left to me, I should have felt that I was alone in the world.

Time healed the old wound, and when Qualan had himself taken a wife, and built up his home, I married my present companion, who had been left a widow with one little daughter, and this public-house business on her hands, though the premises were under mortgage for half their value. But with my savings, I was able to clear away all that burden, and starting fair in the world, we have been as fortunate as we have any right to expect. The house used to be known as the King George, but I took a fancy to re-christen it, and though you might think that the eel is not a very attractive sign, you can judge what associations I have in connection with it, and whether the whim was an excusable one.

It is rather a joke spelling Blueskin on the sign, for I must tell you that the rolkan is not blue at all, but of an ugly gray color, and not half as respectable looking as the one represented by the artist.

INGENIOUS GIRL

WHO DEFEATED A BRITISH VESSEL.

Miss Rebecca Bates died at Scituate, Mass., at the age of 88 years.

In 1812 the borders of Massachusetts Bay were looked after by a number of British cruisers. Inhabitants of the fishing villages were forced to haul themselves in a sort of military fashion, and repel by arms attacks made upon their chicken coops. The maritime enemy had their hearts set on poultry, which was natural, considering their long and forced subsistence upon tough salt meats. To thwart them was to excite their anger and malice, and not unfrequently, failing to get chickens, they resorted to harsh measures in retaliation. In the spring of the year named, a British frigate ran into Scituate harbor, set fire to some vessels and seized others, and threatened, if resistance was offered, to bombard the town. When the frigate departed, citizens of Scituate banded themselves into a home guard, and fortified Crow point with a brass cannon. The British took the hint and stopped away, and gradually, as alarm subsided, the home guard went about its farming.

September came. One pleasant evening of that month, Miss Bates, then a maiden of 18, sat sewing. Her sister Abigail, 14 years old, sat with her. Capt. Simon Bates, the father, likewise the keeper of the lighthouse, was away, and the home guard were scattered all about. Mrs. Bates had just said to Rebecca that it was time to put the kettle on. The maiden rose and went into the kitchen. Glancing through the window as she passed she saw a British frigate close at hand and about lowering her boats. In her own narrative of the occurrence, Miss Bates says that she knew the ship at a glance as La Hogue, and she called out to her sister:—

"O, Lord! the old La Hogue is off here again! What shall we do? Here are their barges a coming, and they'll burn up our vessels just as they did afore."

Two vessels lay at the wharf laden with flour, and Miss Bates in her narrative says, "We couldn't afford to lose that in those times, when the embargo made it so hard to live we had to bile pumpkins all day to get sweetening for sugar." Her quick mind decided to repel the enemy by a stratagem. The musical instruments of the home guard were stored in the house. She could play four tunes on the fife, and her sister Abigail could beat the drum in an exceedingly wild manner. "Yankee Doodle" was their masterpiece.

The idea thus conceived was quickly put through. Rebecca and Abigail, with the drum and the fife, ran down behind the cedar wood, and in a moment the quiet September evening was startled by the most remarkable martial outburst that ever was heard. "I looked," says Miss Bates, "and I could see the men in the barges resting on their oars and listening. Then I saw a flag flying from the masthead of the ship, recalling them. My sister began to make a speech, and I said: 'Don't make me laugh, for I can't pucker my mouth.' When the men in the barges saw the flag, they went about so quick that one fell overboard, and they picked him up by the back of the neck and hauled him in."

A quarter of an hour later the La Hogue sailed away, the strains of "Yankee Doodle" pursuing her.

IMPORTANT INVENTION.

A well-known German manufacturer of mica wares, Herr Raphael of Breslau, now makes mica masks for the face, which are quite transparent, very light, and affected neither by heat nor by acids. They afford good protection to all workmen who are liable to be injured by heat, dust, or noxious vapors, all workers with fire, metal, and glass melters, stone masons, &c. In all kinds of grinding and polishing work the flying fragments rebound from the arched mica plates of the mask without injuring them. These plates are fixed in a metallic frame, which is well isolated by means of asbestos, so as not to be attacked by heat or acid. Where the mask has to be worn long it is found desirable to wear a caoutchouc tube, with mouthpiece, for admission of fresh air; the tube passes out to the shoulders, where its funnel-shaped end (sometimes holding a moistened sponge) is supported.

SERIOUS QUARREL.

The Knights of Columbia are a Western secret organization of colored men. Two lodges in St. Louis use the same hall, and, owing to a misunderstanding, they both met for "work" on the same evening. High Sovereign Holland of Missouri union lodge was seated on his throne, arrayed in purple regalia, when High Sovereign Andrews of the Future great lodge entered and demanded the place. Both were armed with big swords, and with these a fierce combat was fought. The members joined the fray, the throne was demolished, and the police had to break in to restore peace.

Ten million false teeth were produced in this country last year.

JERSEY CUSTOMS.

COMMENCING IN FESTIVITY AMD ENDING IN TROUBLE.

A "skimmelton" is a peculiarly New Jersey name for a semi-barbarous form of serenading a newly married couple by the hammering of tin pans, blowing of horns, firing of charges of powder from anvils and guns, scraping of horse-fiddles (made by running resined ropes through holes bored in dry goods boxes,) and choruses of demoniac yells.

There was a skimmelton at Washingtonville, Sussex county, N. J. the other evening, which went beyond those bounds, involving new and rather alarmingly vigorous demonstrations, which by their violent success destroyed the hopes of the skimmeltonists, and gave rise to some very grave charges in the newspapers against the peaceful and law-abiding character of the place. On that evening, in the house of Edward Bevans, the wedding of his niece, Miss Ella E. Hand to William Strubel, was celebrated. A large and merry assemblage of friends were dancing in the parlors, when the readily understood chorus of tin pans and horns broke forth outside at a distance of fully a hundred yards from the house. It was the open chorus of a skimmelton. That was at about 8 o'clock in the evening. Soon after there was a dull explosion, which was followed by a second a little louder. Preparations were made by the wedding party to give a treat to the serenaders—a treat composed of three gallons of cider and a quarter of a pound of jalap—but they still held aloof and kept up their concert. At length, about 9 o'clock, there was an explosion outside so violent that the atmospheric concussion shattered a number of panes of glass in the windows of Mr. Bevan's house on the side whence the shock came, and with a rumbling echoes of that explosion mingled the crash of the tumbling down of the new depot of the New York, Susquehanna and Western railroad. The depot was a frame structure, 40 feet long by 16 wide, one story in hight, and elevated upon ten piles to a hight of about eight feet above a ditch at the side of the railroad track embankment, which here maintains the grade through a marshy meadow. The structure was only about two-thirds completed, having been inclosed, floored, slated and half ceiled. When the echoes of that crash died away among the surrounding hills, there was nothing left of the depot but a confused mass of joists, beams, broken boards, and fragments of slate, down among the piles, in the ditch, and upon the mud of the meadow. The explosion jarred the tavern, three hundred yards away, was heard at Newton, two miles distant, and even at Sparta, ten miles away, it is said, and a venerable Jerseyman, who lives at a distance of more than a mile solemnly swore the next day that the shock knocked the chickens from their roosts in his henhouse. When the startled wedding guests rushed out to see what made the trouble, nobody was in sight. The serenaders, frightened by what they had accomplished, had taken to their heels, and it has not been possible to find anybody since who will admit having been among the number.

Investigation the next day demonstrated that the light first and second explosions were produced in a little rocky cut about eighty yards from the depot, one under a small pile of ties, some of which it shattered, and the other, from which there was little effect, against the wall of the cut. The third and heaviest charge was fired on the top of an unfilled bed of shaly rock, the apex of an abrupt little knoll that rises probably thirty feet above the level of the depot, and fully a hundred yards away from that structure. It had almost pulverized the face of the rock upon which the charge was laid, and scooped a hole big enough to hold a flour barrel in the ledge, indications which left no doubt that dynamite or nitro-glycerine in some form was the explosive used. A peculiar slope of the face of the knoll seems to have caused much of the downward force of the gases liberated by the explosion to be expended in a lateral direction across the meadow toward the depot and Mr. Bevans' house. This appears to be the only plausible way of accounting for such damage by a dynamite explosion at a distance, when no greater immediate effect was produced at the place of ignition of the charge than is visible.

Mr. Cramp of Cramp & Fisher, contractors for railroad construction, who are employing a force of men in the neighborhood, say that they miss from their stock of explosives, which are ordinarily kept in a tool house about one-eighth of a mile from where this mischief was done, one small keg of black or common blasting powder and fourteen dynamite cartridges of two pounds weight each. All this is believed to have been fired off in the big explosion. The head of the keg was picked up afterward in the meadow, and showed that a hole had been rudely cut through it, beside the cork, for passage of a fuse. As it was not broken, and but very little blackened, it was difficult to believe that it had been in the center of such a great explosion, but the railroad workmen are positive that it was. Samuel Garris, foreman for Cramp & Fisher, and David Lozier, laborer, when going homeward on the night of the explosion, probably about 8 1-2 o'clock, saw a light moving in the direction of the tool-house, a short distance up the hill from the contractor's house, and wondered what the engineer, who has charge of a key, could be doing there at that hour. The engineer, Williams, denies that it was he, and affirms that the common-looking padlock on the tool-house was not opened with his key. Whether any explosives were taken from the company's tool house or not is not known.

England will very soon add three first-class war ships to her already magnificent fleet. The Collingwood, Colossus and Majestic are being rapidly constructed at immense cost. The steel-facings alone of the Collingwood will cost $400,000, while the hulls of the other two will require an expenditure of $2,500,000.

SCIENTIFIC.

For several years it has been observed that the European glaciers are steadily retreating.

The molecules of hydrogen, at a temperature of 60° Fahrenheit, move at the average rate of 6225 feet in a second.

Flammarian says that the tail of a comet must sweep through space with the velocity of 16,000 leagues per second.

The algæ known as protococcaceæ have one peculiarity—they do not live in the water but in other plants, some in dead, some in dying, and others in living parts.

Some parasitic plants, like the common dodder, begin life in the earth, but afterward attach themselves to plants. Others, like the mistletoe, are never found except in a parasitic state.

It was at one time supposed that among twining plants each had its own direction, some twining toward the sun and others against it; but, though the theory is true in the main, there are found occasional exceptions to the rule.

Experiments have recently been made to show that the presence of ozone produces luminosity in phosphorus. In pure oxygen, at a temperature of 15° C., and under atmospheric pressure, phosphorus is not luminous in the dark, and a bubble of ozone introduced under the bell glass produces momentary phosphorescence.

With an ink usually employed in writing, reduced from ten volumes to six, and to which four volumes of glycerince have afterward been added, Prof. Attfield has been able to obtain transcripts of manuscripts in an ordinary thin paper copying-book without the use of a press. When a sheet of paper is written over with this ink, it is placed under one of the sheets of the book, and then a piece of blotting-paper laid over the thin paper takes up, when pressed in the common way, any excess of ink which may come through.

The Nature reports that a telegraphic experiment of a singular description was tried about the middle of August at the Trocadero. It consists merely of the reading of large silvered zinc letters a square meter in size, fixed on a blackened board, by refracting telescopes. This method has succeeded very well from the Trocadero to the Pantheon—a distance of three miles. The inventor, an officer in the French service, thinks he will succeed, under favorable circumstances, in reading messages at a distance of sixty miles.

The botanist Bay tells us that he counted 2000 grains of maize on a single plant of maize sprung from one seed, 4000 seeds on one plant of sunflower, 2000 on a single poppy plant, and 6000 seeds on one plant of tobacco. Pliny tells that a Roman governor in Africa sent to the Emperor Augustus a single plant of corn with 340 stems, bearing 340 ears—that is to say, at least 60,000 grains of corn had been produced from a single seed. In modern times 12,780 grains have been produced by a single grain of the famous corn of Smyrna. In eight years as much corn might spring from one seed as would supply all mankind with bread for a year and a half.

ANTIDOTE AGAINST INFECTION.

It is terrible to read of infectious diseases with which we are troubled. There are whole districts now trembling for fear that small-pox will invade them or spread within them; towns are dreading the coming of malarial fevers; others are already suffering under diphtheria, while scarlet fever, measles, etc., are not even mentioned.

We think that a certain class of antidotes have never become sufficiently appreciated in these cases. There is one especially which we would wish to mention, the fumes of boiling malt vinegar. They dispel infectious particles rapidly and kill their virulence, particularly if used in time. Where these fumes are used, windows and doors should be closed and not opened for about twenty minutes. After this time the fresh air can be freely admitted. When these fumes are used repeatedly, disease will assuredly be kept off.

This is also an excellent preventive among cattle and sheep against infection, and even a curative in certain cases. The great power of acids to dispel and kill material particles is not sufficiently appreciated, and any can make a trial in the simplest form by allowing the fumes of boiling vinegar to spread about.—*Food and Health.*

LIQUIDS AT MEALS.

The main reason that physiologists object to the use of liquids at meals is that they are depended on too much for moistening the food and preparing it for swallowing. If one will masticate the food thoroughly, and thereby perfectly saturate it with the salivary secretions, no water or other liquid will be required to assist in swallowing the food. Following this rule strictly, a person may perhaps use water or other liquid with the utmost freedom, without detriment in most cases. There are, however, undoubtedly constitutions which will thrive the best by avoiding the use of liquids at meals.—*Foote's Health Monthly.*

FIGHTING DOGS.

An English clergyman says that the way to fight a dog is to hold a stout stick against his throat when he springs at you. When you have upset him by a sharp thrust rap him over the nose. If he tries it again, as is likely, the dose is repeated. The stick need be only two feet long and policemen had much better use it than to use their revolvers, for at least they can hit the dog, which is more than they can generally do with their pistols.

The newest finger-rings have the stones mounted in a row around the finger, though the lengthwise or diagonal arrangement of two or three stones is still in favor. Three rings, quite separate, or else mounted together, are worn on a lady's little finger, each bearing a different set of stones—a row of rubies in one, sapphires in the next, and diamonds in the third, or else pearls, turquoises, and diamonds are employed.

MEREDITH MATTERS.

Robinson & Son have put up a new sign.

Go to E. F. Burleigh's, Laconia, for boots, shoes and rubbers.

A new sign has been put up by Nichols over his lunch room.

For fur caps, fur lined gloves, driving and walking gloves, try Burleigh's, Laconia.

Will McCrillis, Fred L. Hawkins, J. F. Beede and W. M. Blake have recently been here.

Two new chandeliers formerly in Folsom Hall, Laconia, have been placed in the Town Hall.

Hodgson's mill was closed on Saturday and Monday on account of Christmas occuring Sunday.

Harnesses, whips, etc., were sold at auction Tuesday afternoon and evening in Sanborn's hall.

A mark down since the holidays on all hats, caps, boots, shoes and rubber goods at E. F. Burleigh's, Laconia.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinkham, Messrs. M. E. Beede and Emma L. Woodman desire to publicly thank their friends for their valuable Christmas presents.

The families of D. S. Feruald and Frank Kirby have been presented with $30? raised by Mrs. Sidney Baker among their friends. The afflicted persons return thanks to her, Sam Hodgson and Rufus Dow for kind aid in their late affliction.

OFFICIAL UTTERANCES.

During the past summer we had occasion to complain of the absence of officials from their post of duty and now we find a veritable Sir Toby Belch who in his zeal oversteps the bounds of good sense and his instructions at the same time. A certain baggage master whose duties are probably so light that he subs for the express agent at times receives a package for this office on the late train. The package is of great importance and the non delivery of the same immediately up on arrival results either in a pecuniary loss to us or the necessity of postponing a business meeting of special interest to several persons. The functionary who for once is invested "in a little brief authority" uses it for a personal end and dis claims authority to deliver. The question naturally arises is a man who is not a responsible agent of the Company and cannot deliver goods when received, a fit and responsible person to receive them. Either he is a responsible person or an irresponsible one. Probably the gentleman prefers the latter significant title; but th-n as Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B., says, "Official utterances are always unanswerable."

The Folio monthly, Boston, for January has pictures of Adelina Patti, Dion Boucicult and Marie Roze; Uncle Tom's gwine to stay; Jim the merry postillion; Mary Ann 'll tell your ma; Weary soul, why wander wide-oval. Brie-a-brac polka; Charming waltz; Les esthecbles, instrumental, besides its usual comprehensive review of musical matters and facts everywhere. $1.50 per year.

NEW HAMPTON.

The annual public meeting of the Germania Dilectae Scientiae was held in Chapel Hall, Dec. 21st. The exercises consisted of essays, recitations, discussions, paper, tableaux, music, pantomime, Cinderella, and a drama entitled, "My Aunt's Heiress." The original essays, which include salutatory, valedictory and dissertation were distinguished for depth of thought and breadth of culture. The recitations were appropriate and finely delivered. The paper, "Mountain Daisy," was replete with matter both entertaining and instructive. It contained less that could be misunderstood only by a few, and more of that which would interest the audience at large than many similar papers to which we have listened, and this in itself was greatly to the editor's credit. It would be well if all our aspiring young writers who are gifted with a humorous vein, would remember that many jokes which seem exceedingly pointed and witty to a coterie of students are very apt to fall flat and senseless on the ear of the average listener, eliciting a sneer rather than a smile, for nothing exceeds the stupidity of a pointless joke. The pantomime and drama were nicely presented, the parts being well sustained. As the weather was fine the hall was well filled and we think the ladies of the Germanae have reason to congratulate themselves that their meeting was a success in every particular.

Order of Exercises: Prayer; Music; Salutatory: What secret? Emma H. Meade. Essay: Rum a World Evil, Emma H. Goodwin. Music. Tableau: The Old Year and the New. Discussion: Are the early stages of society greater than those of positive character? Lizzie Moscovey; neg. Sarah M. Fryer. Music. Pantomime: Cinderella; cast as follows. Cinderella, Maude Wiley Sisters, Alice A. Woodman; Lizzie V. Wiley; Godmother, Lil a H. Lowe; stepmother, Nellie Rec; Prince, Prof. Chapman; Synopsis of scenes. Scene I. Invitation to the Ball; Scene II. Preparing for the Ball; Scene III. Fairy Godmother's visit; Scene IV. Cinderella going to the Prince's Palace. Music. "The mists hover in the valleys, but the mountain tops are clear." Edith Hopkinson; Recitation, "Three Women," Frank O'B. Jameson; Tableau, Kathleen of Purity; Music in Daisy, Sara M. Sawyer; Recitation, Maude D. ana, in two scenes. M. Annie Lowe, Sarah M. Fryer, John Smith (Lucy of the house), Sarah M. Fryer, Anna Marie, Fannie O'B. Jameson; Jemima, Fanny H. Moulton; Sophia, Hattie B. Sanborn; Amarilla, Blanche B. Knox; Mandy, M. Grace Pinkham, (her daughter), Clementina, Katie T. Foss; Jane, Lou A. M. Clifton, (Little child), Mrs. Alexander D. Corey Smith Sara M. Swett; Betsey Brown, Annabell K. Prescott; Snapper, Servant to Mrs. John Smith, Jennie S. Bursey. Music; Ladies in Parts I. Gallery; Recitation, The Doll, Katie T. Fryer; Valedictory, Ora Belle Sanborn; Essay, Personal, Annabell K. Prescott; Secretary, Emma C. Jameson. Annabell K. Prescott, Lizzie Reservey, Emma H. Gordon, Committee of Assignments.

Messrs. A. H. Worthen and H. M. Robinson have recently visited town.

MYSTIC.

Christmas in the hall Monday evening, and an enjoyable time was the result. The hall was filled to its utmost.

The largest assortment of holiday goods is shown in the display at Stevens, Tilton See advertisement.

We are indebted to the Home Insurance company, of New York city, for one of their elegant and artistic almanacs for 1882. It is unique, as usual, in numerous fine and original engravings by some of the best of American artists.

BRISTOL.

Mrs. Ellen A. Brown, of Albany, N. Y., gave an entertainment, consisting of select readings, at the town hall last Wednesday evening under the auspices of Nelson Post, No. 40, G. A. R.

Some of the citizens of this town have raised sufficient funds to ensure Universalist preaching once a month for one year.

Hon. Joseph Kidder, of Manchester, preached at the town hall last Sunday, at 2 and 7 o'clock, P. M.

Last Monday Mr. Oren Nelson found a jacket in his pasture containing a sum of money which was lost by Dearborn Hunt a year ago last fall. W.

Man's Ingratitude.

This is an ungrateful world to say the least. A man will act like a lunatic when he has the itching piles, and declare that he knows he can't live another day, yet he applies Swayne's Ointment, the intense itching is allayed at once, he gets cured, and goes down to the lodge without one whit of gratitude. When asked why he feels so well, he dodges the question by an indifferent answer. Its just like a man though, isn't it?

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HOLDERNESS.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., DEC. 16, 1881.

Mr. John Peavy, formerly of Ashland, N. H., sailed from San Francisco for the Sandwich Islands, Nov. 24th. He expected it would take from 20 to 25 days to make the voyage.

At this writing grain on the ran.hes is from 3 to 4 inches high and grass is looking as green, as it usually does in Northern New Hampshire, the first of June. A. J. C.

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WEST PLYMOUTH.

There will be an oyster supper and entertainment at Stearns' hall, Wednesday evening, Jan. 4, 1882, for the benefit of the Methodist Society of West Plymouth. Supper from 5 to 7 o'clock; all are cordially invited. Admission to hall 10 cents. Supper 15 cents.

Over forty of the Household sewing machines were sold in the month of November by Eben Hoyt of Laconia

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WOODSTOCK.

Special Christmas celebration at Mrs. Robert Tucker's last Saturday evening.

The Christmas celebration at the Baptist church last Monday evening was well attended.

Mrs. Jonathan Darling, an aged lady of this town, is in quite poor health. ALPHEUS.

Frozen ground and ice are the leading features of the day.

The townsmen do not seem to rush out the railroad ties very fast.

The oyster supper at Mr. John Tinus's last Saturday evening was well attended.

Diaries, Bibles, Poems and Children's Books at Stevens', Tilton. See advertisement.

RUMNEY.

Christmas festivals were held by each of the three societies at the village Saturday evening.

An unusually good display of holiday goods at J. Abbott's and at Herbert & Chase's.

The Universalist Society had a festival at West Rumney Monday night. N.

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LINCOLN.

The little snow we did have has nearly all been carried away by the recent rains.

Some of our young folks attended the Christmas Levee at Woodstock and pronounced it "good."

Ora T. Hanson has been quite sick with liver complaint, but is now convalescent.

Dr. Moody, who got badly hurt by falling on the ice, is slowly recovering the use of his limbs.

George Gilnes has completed work at the Profile House, and is stopping at A. C. Colby's.

David Dearborn and Willis Pollard have engaged to work for N. H. Weeks this winter, getting railroad timber. DICKENS.

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The publishers of *Rutledge's Monthly*, in the prize puzzle department of the *Monthly* for January offer the following easy way for some one to make $20.00:

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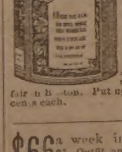

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Gentleman's Desk.

A very convenient style of office and library desk just placed in Paine's warerooms, 48 Canal street.

Gifts.

A small number of very fine easels, ladies' desks, plush top tables and pedestals have this morning been placed in Paine's warerooms, 48 Canal street.

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Winter Evenings.

Card, checker and chess tables for use these long winter evenings can be found in variety at Paine's, 48 Canal street.

Grand closing out sale to reduce stock before invoice. Bargains in Ladies' Boots. Bargains in Men's Boots. Bargains in Arctic Overshoes. At Burleigh's, Laconia.

PLYMOUTH PARAGRAPHS

Last day of the year.

Don't miss hearing Josh.

Josh Billings next Friday night.

Horace Wells has returned from Boston.

G. T. Ordway's house is being shingled.

Nahum Tufts has been to Gilmanton on a visit.

Read Josh Billing's great advertisement elsewhere.

Miss Belle Perkins is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. H. W. Blair paid a brief visit here this week.

The greatest attraction of the season next Friday night.

Miss Nannie Coffie who has been very ill, is recovering.

Some books found in the street await an owner at the Post Office.

Josh Billings will undoubtedly give the funniest lecture ever heard here.

Mary L. Houghton is once more at work for the Blodgett Glove Company.

A reward of $5 00 is offered for a copy of the *Meredith Eagle* of Dec. 5th, 1881.

W. P. Flanagan, recently of the *Exeter News Letter,* is a recent acquisition to this office.

Mr. and Mrs. David Northey have returned to Montreal after a brief stay at Chase Leavitt's.

James M. Hart has a good traverse sled for sale. Also a five year old colt. jesa-dec16-3t*

One of the Methodist horse shed stalls has been provided with double locked wooden doors.

The drain south of the Town Hall caved in again this week being undermined by the water.

A. W. McDonald, once of this office is at work on the Lowell *Vox Populi,* having recently left Nashua.

Parties wanting a good piano cheap can find one at N. S. Calley's, Holderness. See notice elsewhere.

One of the largest audiences ever known here will go to hear Josh, as tickets are selling with unexampled rapidity.

There is a talk of moving the telephone central office from the Pemigewasset House to some other place in the village.

Mr. J. C. Emery, formerly of this office and now foreman of the *Nashua Telegraph* job department, spent Christmas in town.

Special train to Ashland after Josh's lecture. Those from Rumney and other towns above can come and return on the regular trains.

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THE ORIENTAL CASKET'S ROLL OF HONOR.

The Oriental Casket will be open for the first display of its many treasures about the 10th of next month and will reach its first readers about the 15th.

It will be a large twenty page paper, with beautiful illustrated pearl-tinted cover, edited by the popular novelist and author of forty years experience, Emerson Bennett, and published by L. Lum Smith.

There are forty-nine States and Territories, and, including Canada, fifty sections of country, to which we propose to give fifty prizes of life subscriptions to our beautiful Oriental Casket, one to each first subscriber from each section. These names will be published in the editorial columns of the Casket, and will form a Roll of Honor, to be referred to yearly during the entire life of the fortunate subscriber, who thereforth, to the day of his or her death, will receive the paper free of charge, be it two or a hundred years. Send in your subscription at once, but next week, not to-morrow, not to-day, but now, this very moment. "A day may lose a state." Annually, on the birth-day of the Casket, January of each year, we shall, editorially, call the Roll of Honor, to see how many—like Napoleon's guard—still hold out. So hurry up the first subscription from each state and find a place on the Roll of Honor and a life long treat to good literature, as well as the lasting supreme satisfaction of having 1 said, for a life time, that you were the first in your State to recognize a good thing.

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DIED.

In Rockford, Ill., Dec. 24th, Cynthia Church George, relict of the late Benjamin George, of Rumney, in the 78th year of her age. She was born in Campton, N. H., July 19, 1804, and was the oldest daughter of Tristram and Hannah Bartlett. She leaves two daughters, two brothers and one sister to mourn her loss.

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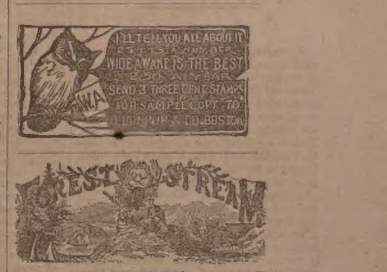

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TEMPERANCE.

The enforcement of the excise law in Brooklyn, N. Y., has been so strict for several weeks that Sunday liquor selling has been almost suspended. This has created a demand for brandy and soda at the drug-stores, but most of the druggists refuse to sell drams.

In 1873 a public coffee house was established in London for the purpose of checking intemperance, and to day there are over 160 such enterprises in England, mostly in London. They receive the hearty praise of the church and the substantial aid of the respectable classes.

The Dead Babe.

At half-past five o'clock, one evening recently, Edward Mountain, a laborer, returning from his work, saw smoke and fire issuing from a window in the upper story of a tenement house in Silver street, Bergen Point, L. I. Giving the alarm of fire, Mountain ran up to the room and burst open the door. He saw a table near the window, a lamp upset upon it, and a bundle of rags blazing. He seized the bundle and ran to the window to throw it out out. At this moment a woman, living in an adjoining room, came in, and catching sight of Mountain with the bundle of blazing rags, exclaimed: "My God! Stop, man, that's the baby!" Mountain wrapped his coat about the bundle and extinguished the flames. Opening the bundle then, he found in it the body of a dead child about a year old. Search was made through the room. In one corner the mother of the child lay in a drunken stupor. Everything in the place betokened extreme poverty. The body of the child was wasted, as if it had died of starvation. The father could not be found, and was reported to have been drunk all day. No one could account for the origin of the fire. The child had died several days before, and had not been buried because there was no money to pay the undertaker. Meantime the parents were holding a wake over its body.

Barnum and Rum.

The greatest of showmen has long been one of the most ardent of temperance advocates, so that a letter from him to the commission on the revision of the liquor laws of Connecticut, urging a greater restriction of licenses, is not a surprising thing. It is the ground upon which he urges the restriction that makes his letter especially noteworthy. He says that in his own city, Bridgeport, there are 200 licensed liquor sellers in a population of 50,000, whose license fees aggregate $20,000 annually. He thinks the number should be reduced from 200 to 60, allowing but one house to every 500 of population, and that the license fee should be raised from $100 to $300, that amount being still further increased, if possible by putting up each license at auction. "The reduction of the number of saloons would have an excellent effect upon property interests," he says. In some cases a saloon injures adjacent property in Bridgeport, as much as $20,000, he thinks, and estimates the average of such injury at $5000. He concludes that the reduction of the number of saloons from 200 to 60 would increase the taxable real estate of Bridgeport at least $700,000. His arraignment of the liquor traffic as destructive of property values ought to have a profound effect upon public sentiment everywhere. It ought to contribute much to the success of Dr. Howard Crosby's scheme greatly restrict the number of licenses granted in New York. If the business of every rum-seller depreciates the property of his neighbors $5000, the property owners of every town in the United States should know the fact. To be convinced that it is so, is for them to demand a sweeping reduction of the number of dramshops.—*N. Y. paper.*

NEW TRAVELING.

Traveling in Yucatan is attended with some difficulties, owing to the heat of the day and the bad state of the roads. To avoid the heat, all long journeys are performed at night; to mitigate the roughness of the road, a peculiar style of vehicle is employed called a volan. This is a conveyance altogether peculiar to Yucatan, not found anywhere else. It might be called a modified volante—in common use in Cuba—only, instead of sitting up in it, you lie down. It has two large wheels, and the body of the concern is placed directly above the axle, suspended upon high, very elastic springs. The shafts are very long, and a frame-work projects behind, upon which trunks may be secured, and from which the body of the vehicle is suspended at that end. It has a covered canvas top, with curtains, and a bottom of interlaced rope. Upon this springy support is placed a mattress. It is always drawn by three mules—one in the shafts and one on either side—harnessed in by such a combination of leather and rope that no stranger could by any possibility disentangle them. These mules are generally very small, but make up for this by a generous length of ears, which are carried along their backs.

THE NEWS.

Gleanings in New England.

Exciting Scene.

A supper was given by a leading manufacturer to about twenty representative citizens at the Ingraham house, Wallingford, Ct. The number included merchants, manufacturers, professional men and a number interested in the National bank. A braver looking lot of men probably never sat at a table. Soon after the first course was begun, a strange sound was heard and a volume of steam came into the room. In a second all were on their feet (that is all but one, who in his excitement fell under the table) and were fleeing, supposedly for their lives. Men who had not run for twenty years made as quick time as any, and that was so rapid that you could have played marbles on their coat-tails. It was subsequently found that the boiler used to generate steam had made so much steam that it had raised a safety-valve, and allowed the steam to escape. Another set of men never were seen than these as they returned, each one inventing some excuse to explain his fright.

Boston's Bank Trouble.

The affairs of the Pacific bank continue favorable though there is nothing definite to report. It does not yet paid the last $100,000 of the promised $500,000, but is expected to do so soon. Director Dyer has gone to Washington with a report of the bank's condition for Controller Knox, and the latter will announce an assessment of 100 per cent. on the capital stock. President Benyon is broken up by the strain upon him, and is likely to die.

Bad Chinaman.

Chiu Tah Fay, a Chinese student in the family of Charles Phelps of Hebron, Ct., about two years ago was sent back to China by the commissioners for general misconduct. A letter received a few days since from one of his fellow students stated that Mr. Chiu had, since his return to China, displayed his ferocious disposition by murdering his father, for which act he has been beheaded. He was, while in this country, a terror to the family with which he lived.

New Railroad.

A new railroad for beach traffic is to be built between Boston and Lynn. The right of way for the new road, parallel to the narrow-gauge, is secured, and the desired location is granted by the authorities. An enthusiastic railroad man thinks that a 15-cent rate will be re-established between Lynn and Boston in place of the present 25-cent rate.

Punishing a Railroad Company.

In the suit of Mary E. Parker against the Boston and Albany railroad, tried in Boston, the jury returned a verdict of $13,000 for the plaintiff. This was a suit to recover damages for personal injuries received by the plaintiff while in the act of stepping off of the defendants' cars in Newton.

New Beans.

William Riley of Kittery Point, Me., last spring noticed among the beans raised by him the year before, and saved for seed, a bean of peculiar appearance. This bean he planted apart from any other, and the plant which grew from it was marked as a special care, and the crop from it, when gathered, in the fall, numbered 336 beans, all having the same general appearance as the seed. Mr. Riley will plant the new lot next spring, and thinks he will develop a new variety of bean, of especial value.

An Energetic Corporation.

The New York and New England railroad company petitions the Legislature for authority to extend its Woonsocket division from Woonsocket or Pawtucket to Boston over the Boston and Albany right of way, extend its Southbridge branch to some point on the line of the Massachusetts Central railroad company, to extend its Ridge hill branch to Framingham, and to take land or its line for additional tracks and depot accommodations.

THERE is a Swedish colony growing rapidly in Aroostook, Me.

J. C. MORRISON, Esq., agent for the Winnipesaukee, N. H., paper company, has recently effected the purchase of a 600-acre tract of timber land, in Weare county, on which it is estimated there are 4,000,000 feet of spruce lumber. Three thousand cords will be shipped to Franklin the coming winter, to be manufactured into pulp.

THERE are owned in Vermont 12 steam crafts, having a tonnage of 2239, and a value of $221,300. There are four regular steamboat lines, having six boats and an invested capital of $211,000.

EUGENE DE NOE, of Swanton, Vt., is proved quality of selling rum 21 times, and is fined $210 and costs. He appeals according to custom.

SALMO FRANCIS, governor of the Passamaquoddy Indians, died at Pleasant Point, Me., recently, aged 86. The tribe are having a dead-lock over the election of a new governor, and the Indian agent will have to settle it.

THERE are now 946 post-offices in Maine. In 1775 there were only three—at Kennebunk, Georgetown and Portland.

BOSTON appropriates $100,000 for a marine park at South Boston.

J. P. SAFFORD of Camden, Me., left $17,600 in Northern securities and the Universalist churches in Hope and South Hope. The debt has advanced and the churches will realize over $26,000. The income will be used to hire preachers.

THE holders of mortgage notes of the A. & W. Sprague manufacturing company, in R. I., representing $600,000 of the $1,000,000, decided almost unanimously to reject Gen. Ben Butler's offer to buy the entire property.

THE New Hampshire board of health issues a circular urging railroads to guard closely those carrying passengers who have the small-pox. There are now no cases in the state.

ASHFORD, Ct., has a drove of about 75 wild hogs, that haunt the adjacent forests. The hogs are lean, wild and vicious and run like hounds.

THE artesian well at the Providence station already reaches more than half a mile under Boston, and the 3000-pounds drill sinks four feet deeper through the blue sandstone each day.

THE New York and East River railroad is chartered, with $2,500,000 capital, to build a road from New York city to Rye, N. Y., and by connecting lines to New Haven, Ct.

A SAILOR went to Lowell, Mass., the other day, and, making the acquaintance of an attractive young woman, wooed and won her in two hours. He went to a justice, got a marriage certificate and went to buy an engagement ring; but his sweetheart stole one from the tray, and the sailor paid for it. Meantime another sailor came from the girl and married her. Jack Tar thinks he had a narrow escape.

THE Massachusetts woman's Christian temperance union has appointed and recommended to all the local unions of the state the observance of Friday, Jan. 6, 1882, as a day of prayer.

A NEW locomotive, built by the Boston & Albany railroad for fast running, made the run between Boston and Worcester, the 11 o'clock express, with seven cars, three of them drawing-room cars, in fifty-eight minutes, which, allowing for an extra stop at Wellesley, is the quickest time ever made.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL CLEAVES, of Maine, has commenced proceedings in behalf of the state against some of the corporations failing to make annual returns to the secretary of state, to enforce a compliance with the statutes. If the returns are made with thirty days costs only will be collected.

AT a recent meeting of the Nantasket beach hotel company directors, it was voted to petition the Legislature this winter for permission to build an iron pier on the ocean front of Nantasket beach.

A DEAD Indian was dug up near the old mill at South Wareham, Mass., recently. The body, strangely enough, was well preserved, lying beside several spear and arrow heads.

IN the Orange county, Vt., court, Ida J. Rush of Lyme, aged 15, pleaded guilty of placing obstructions on the track of the Passumsic railroad, and was sentenced to the reform school for the remainder of her minority.

R. B. DUNN of Waterville, Me., is going to erect a cotton mill in West Waterville the coming season. If the town will make a concession by the way of nominal taxation he will erect a mill of 30,000 spindles.

THE Maine state grange elects Frederick Robie master at Augusta. There are now 140 subordinate granges in the state with 8549 members—1000 more than last year.

THE grantees of the Pemigewasset valley, N. H., railroad decide to begin work at once, and cuts for the first three miles of the road will be made this winter probably. The rest of the way will take little time, as it lies across a level country.

THE New England mutual protective association of hotel, boarding-house and restaurant keepers had an animated meeting at Boston recently, to discuss the proverbial "dead beat" and propose a way to exterminate him.

The Old and New Worlds.

Terrible Suffering.

The British bark W. J. Whitney, from Liverpool for New York, met with a hurricane and was abandoned at sea. The crew were rescued by the steamer Salerno. The condition of the crew of the bark when they reached the steamer was pitiable. For several days they had had no other nourishment but weak tea, and the constant standing in the water had caused sores in great out on their feet and limbs. To increase their misery the bleaching powder, which formed a part of the bark's cargo became saturated with water, and ate its way through the seams of the deck, making it so hot that it took the skin completely off the feet of most of the men.

Plucky Conductor.

Two men boarded the Hannibal and St. Jo. train at Chillicothe, recently, and, when near Utica, drew revolvers and demanded the passengers' money. The passengers hid their valuables under the seats, and the robbers got nothing. Conductor Bushnell, with the train crew, collared the ruffians, and threw them off the train into a ditch. At Utica, Bushnell sent men back to arrest the desperadoes.

News of the Jeannette.

The following telegram has been received from our minister at St. Petersburg: "SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington. — Jeannette crushed in ice June 11, latitude, 77; longitude, 157. Crew embarked in three boats; were separated by wind and fog. Number three with eleven men, Engineer Melville commanding, reached the mouth of Lena, Sept. 19. Subsequently number one, with Capt. DeLong, Doctor Ambler, and twelve men, reached Lena in a pitiable condition. Prompt assistance sent. Number two not heard from.

"HOFFMAN, St. Petersburg."

A dispatch from London says: News received the government officials at Jakutsk, Eastern Siberia, that on the 14th of September three natives of Oulous, near Cape Barbay, 140 yersts north of Capo Bekhoff, discovered a boat containing eleven men, who stated that they belonged to the Jeannette, and had undergone terrible suffering. On hearing the news, the district deputy governor, with a doctor and medicines, was immediately dispatched to help the ship-wrecked sailors, and was instructed to bring them to Yakutsk. The governor was instructed to do everything in his power to recover the remainder of the crew, 500 roubles being given him to defray the first expenses. Engineer Melville has telegraphed to the American legation at St. Petersburg that the Jeannette was surrounded and crushed by ice on the 23d of June, in latitude 77 north, longitude 157 east. The crew took the vessels three boats, about 50 miles from the mouth of the Lena, and they were separated by violent winds and thick fogs. Boat No. 3, commanded by Engineer Melville, arrived on the 29th of September at the eastern mouth of the River Lena, where it was stopped by blocks of ice near the village of Bassiengs, inhabited by idolaters. Boat No. 1 reached the same spot. The occupants of these boats state that Lieut. DeLong and Dr. Ambler, with twelve others, landed on the northern mouth of the Lena and that they are in a fearful condition, suffering from frost bitten limbs. A party of the inhabitants of Bolenegs has started immediately for their assistance. Nothing is known of boat No. 2.

The London Standard says: "Though the Jeannette has suffered destruction, the Americans have added additional glory to that they have already won in the frozen regions." It concludes: "It is more than possible that Lieut. DeLong may be the herald of a new race of those who feareth not the spirit which dwelleth in the land of ice and snow."

Another Newark Steal.

Frank A. Palmer, city auditor of Newark, N. J., recently confessed that he had embezzled about $125,000 of the city funds during the past three years and lost it in Wall-street speculation. He was imprisoned. He says that no one is implicated with him. The mayor states that he had learned that the embezzlement had been done by forgery of the names of prominent citizens, and he believed that there had been collusion.

Still Another One.

William A. Hall the comptroller's clerk in Newark, N. J., has left for parts unknown, and it is said his accounts are in a bad shape.

Female Orators.

Miss Parnell has received letters from over 100 ladies in this country, who volunteer to go to Ireland to address public meetings and assist in the agitation, the majority refusing any salary.

Panic in a Church.

At Warsaw, Poland, a young Jew was arrested for picking pockets during the service at the Holy Cross church in Nalewski street, and was sent away by the sisters in charge, he having developed a case of smallpox. His wife prevailed on him to go to a station house, and he was accompanied by a man named Leymous. The police closed the doors by advice of a physician, and McLeary was placed on the sidewalk, where he died in a few minutes, surrounded by a crowd of several hundred children. The authorities took the body finally, and inmigated the whole block.

Malignant Fever.

Scarlet fever is increasing in New York city at a threatening rate, and, according to the returns of last week at the bureau of vital statistics, is assuming an unusually malignant form. The health authorities have met the emergency by increasing the number of disinfectors, and more, if necessary, will be appointed.

Missing Ring.

King Louis of Bavaria has disappeared from Hohensch wangen, omitting to leave word where his letters and newspapers should be forwarded. Any information as to the whereabouts of the eccentric monarch will be gratefully received by his sorrowing contributors.

Practical Christian.

The bishop of Nebraska, Dr. Clarkson, has been making efforts to secure proper transportation for cattle from the West to the Atlantic seaboard. He insists that the cattle shall be humanely shipped and sufficiently cared for on the way, in order that the people of the East may have good roast beef to eat.

Holy War Proclaimed.

A dispatch from Tangier says: The troops dispatched by the emperor of Morocco to capture Chief Ben Ameua have joined the latter in proclaiming a holy war against the French. They subsequently defeated the tribes who refused to join them. The revolt is spreading and the emperor has neither the requisite means nor the prestige to suppress it.

A Smuggling Case.

After an exhaustive examination of the Pullman car company's books, seized by the customs authorities at Montreal, the charge of smuggling dwindles down from $100,000 to $200 for goods, which were brought in during the past eight years, and upon which duty was not paid, through the neglect of the company's servants and of the customs officers on duty.

Enormous Immigration.

For the eleven months ending with November, the population of this country has been increased by immigration to the extent of 676,229. December will bring the total nearly to 700,000. That is to say, a population larger than that of the state of Maine has moved in upon us, and has come to stay.

AN intoxicated New York policeman named Bernard Fitzpatrick killed a brother officer named Thomas J. Norton by shooting him in the neck.

By the bursting of a dam at Perroguax in Algiers, 500 persons were drowned.

A CORRECT list of the victims of the Ring theater fire at Vienna, issued by the police, gives the total number of victims as 794, of whom only 144 were identified.

A DYNAMITE cartridge was exploded under Job Ramsey's hotel at Lima, N. Y., recently, blowing one side of the building to splinters. The explosion was heard four miles. No one was in the building at the time. The perpetrators are unknown.

IN the trial of Esposito at Palermo, Italy, for brigandage, most of the witnesses missing at the opening of the trial are now present. Esposito denies all the charges against him except that of the seizure of Mr. Rose.

There are many cases of small-pox in Chicago and vicinity.

ANOTHER revolution has broken out in Hayti, and about 200 persons have been killed.

ALL the prisoners confined in jail at Hernando, Miss., escaped on a recent night.

MISS REYNOLDS, of the ladies' land league, charged with aiding and abetting a clinical conspiracy to prevent payment of rent, refused to find bail to keep the peace, and went to jail for six months in Dublin.

THE steamer Westphalia arrived in the port of New York recently with 1200 passengers. There were several cases of small-pox among them. The vessel was promptly quarantined.

THE Limerick police seized copies of a Christmas Parnell card, which had an enormous sale.

JOHN BINNEY, a book agent and a "crank," is under arrest in New York for writing threatening letters to Mayor Grace and Police Superintendent Walling.

THE governor of the province of Havana Cuba, has liberated false certificates by which 170 negroes, who ought to be free, are held in bondage. A judicial investigation is ordered.

W. I. GUOLD of the land department of the Northern Pacific railroad has just located sites near Bismarck, Dak., for a colony of 46 families from Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Matters in Washington.

Guiteau's Trial

The crowd in attendance is falling off and Guiteau is becoming more amiable. Several medical experts testified that the prisoner was sane. Dr. Godwin Dimon of the Auburn insane asylum testified: "I consider him perfectly sane. This answer is based upon a careful examination of the prisoner in his cell in the jail, upon careful personal examination of the prisoner's acts, and upon his own evidence, which I heard." Then Corkhill put, in an oratorical way, the first hypothetical question, summing up all the facts elucidated in evidence favorable to the theory of the prosecution, and asked Dr. Dimon whether, assuming all the facts to be true, the man was sane or insane on the 2d of July. "In my opinion," said Dr. Dimon, "the man was sane." Corkhill read the second hypothetical question, summing up all the evidence respecting Guiteau's misdemeanors, and asked Dr. Dimon whether, assuming all facts to be true, the man was sane at the time of shooting. "Yes," said Dr. Dimon, "he was." Just before recess, Guiteau broke in: "I have just opened a letter from Dr. Spitzka of New York, in which he says he has received 200 letters of commendation and congratulation since he testified here. Only three threatening letters have been received, and 197 from lunatics. There's a fine showing. It's because he came here and told the truth. He didn't get a cent for it, gentlemen. I've got another letter of the same sort from Cincinnati—a letter of commendation. I tell you public opinion is changing. I've got a letter here from Mayor D. F. Beatty of Washington, N. J., in which he says he has he wants to find the man who wrote as an important letter and signed his name to it." "Well," said Judge Cox, "we've no time now for your correspondence."

Guiteau was very abusive in the proceedings just before Christmas, and narrowly escaped being placed in the dock reserved for criminals. Dr. Stearns of Hartford, Ct., Dr. Strong of Cleveland, O., superintendent of the state insane asylum at that place, Dr. Shaw of the hospital for the insane, Middletown, Ct., and Dr. Orpheus Everts of the Cincinnati sanitarium, appeared unsummoned in part by the defense, in part by the government, testified that they had personally examined the assassin in the jail, and observed him in court, and that they considered him perfectly sane and responsible to-day for the fatal shooting on the 2d of July. Mrs. Scoville was recalled to testify to some comparatively insignificant facts. The weight of evidence already resting upon the accused is crushing him to the ground. The experts piled opinion on opinion upon the substratum of fact already laid, so as to erase from all minds most every trace of doubt as to the man's mental condition.

The physician assigned by the government to take charge of the jury says that three of them are in a very bad condition of health, and that he is unable to say that he will be able to keep them in condition to attend court for a great while longer.

The amount paid for witnesses in the Guiteau case by the government thus far is about $10,000. The greatest sum was paid to Guiteau's former wife and her husband, who were summoned from Colorado. They were paid $472.

Proposed Temperance Commission.

The bill introduced by Mr. Joyce of Vermont, to provide for the appointment of a commission on the subject of the alcoholic liquor traffic, authorizes the President to appoint a commission of five persons to serve during life for this purpose. It is further provided that these commissioners shall hold office for two years, or until their duties are accomplished, and directs them to make a thorough investigation of the facts concerning the various liquor traffic and manufacture, with reference to revenue and taxation, and the effect of each class of such liquors in their economic, criminal, moral and scientific aspects in connection with pauperism, crime, social order, public health and general welfare of the people; and also to inquire into the practical results of taxation and license, and of restrictive legislation in the prevention of intemperance in the states and territories.

Wholesale Discharges.

A general weeding out of clerks, residents of the district of Columbia and of states and territories whose quota have been exceeded, is expected. The record and influence of each clerk is being examined. Those who are deficient in either particular must go.

Whittaker's Ears.

It can be stated upon good authority that the findings of the court of inquiry in the Cadet Whittaker case are that he was guilty of cutting his own ears. It is not known what was the action of the judge advocate-general, but it is understood that he approved the findings.

Minister from China.

Cheng Tsao Ju, the new Chinese minister to the United States, successor to Chin Lan Pin, arrived recently. The minister was accompanied by his wife, the first Chinese lady of rank who has ever visited this country, and suite of 26 persons, including 11 servants. The entire legation will live at the Arlington hotel about three weeks. The new minister is about 58 or 60 years of age, and of rather portly build. He comes of a noble family and most of his life has been passed in public service.

HORACE GRAY of Massachusetts, has been appointed associate justice of the supreme court of the United States.

THE chief of the bureau of statistics reports that, during November, there arrived in the customs districts of Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, Huron, Minnesota, New Orleans, New York, Passamaquoddy, Philadelphia and San Francisco, 43,586 immigrants.

PROF. J. E. HILGARD has been appointed superintendent of the coast and geodetic survey.

"IRREGULARITIES" have been found in the treasury department, and a committee of investigation is trying to find out the truth.

ACCORDING to census bulletin, there were in the New England states during the year ending Dec. 31, 1880, 515 steamers of all classes, measuring 120,199 tons, and valued at $8,041,550. By these steamers were carried during the year, 15,587,280 passengers and 2,080,074 tons of freight. Their gross earnings were $7,918,785, and their running expenses $2,691,492.

THE king of Denmark is truly a paternal monarch. Finding that during the recent severe weather the royal foot guards were suffering greatly from colds and coughs, this good old gentleman ordered a supply of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for them, and now the sentries are happy.

THE ALMANAC ASTROLOGER.

"Zadkiel," the famous English almanac astrologer, has achieved additional reputation and the sale of his publication will be greater than ever. His almanac published in October foretold the fire at the Vienna theater, fixing very nearly the date of the calamity. It also predicts a similar one in New York between Christmas and New Year's. Should many more of such "predictions" be fulfilled it would behoove the police to look into the matter. If the sale of a popular almanac depends upon its success in the prediction of events that may be easily brought about by human agency, it might be well to find out how much human agency and how much "mysterious cause" has to do with making a reputation for the prophet.

It is well nigh incredible, of course, that any one would bring about such a calamity in order to make fame as a seer, but it is scarcely less credible than that the prophet actually foresees the event. However, if "Zadkiel" hits it right every time in regard to burning theaters, people will begin to avoid them on the dates of danger, in which case there might be a question whether the managers would not have cause of action for damages by this injury to their business. According to the Chicago Herald, the English miners have such faith in him that on the predicted dates of mine explosions, they refuse to go down into the mines.

The New York Clipper lately cited the case of Captain Jacob Schmidt, of Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y., who had been a great sufferer with rheumatism for nine years. He used St. Jacobs Oil with splendid success

When hens get into your garden it is safe to shoot at 'em on the spot.

From the Atlanta (Ga.) Sunday Phonograph: The editor of the Pikes county News has been cured of Rheumatism by St. Jacobs Oil.

Borrowing money is a bad habit; and borrowing trouble is no better.

Snakes as Life Destroyers.

The loss of life in India due to the ravages of venomous snakes, is almost incredible. Yet cobra poison, which is as wily and fatal as the deadliest Indian reptile, is winding its coils around thousands of people while the victims are unconscious of its presence. Dr. R. V. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" must be relied upon to eliminate the blood from scrofulous impurities, for tubercular consumption is only a form of scrofulous disease. "Golden Medical Discovery" is a sovereign remedy for all forms of scrofulous disease, or king's-evil, such as tumors, white swellings, fever sores, scrofulous sore-eyes, as well as for other blood and skin diseases. By druggists.

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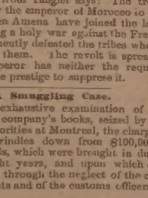
"During my trip down the River Tagus, in Spain," said Captain Boyton to a representative of this journal in a recent conversation by the sea shore, "I had to 'shoot' 105 waterfalls, the largest being about eighty-five feet, and innumerable rapids. Crossing the Straits of Messina, I had three ribs broken in a fight with sharks; and coming down the Somane, a river in France, I received a charge of shot from an excited and startled huntsman. Although this was not very pleasant and might be termed dangerous, I fear nothing more in my trip from Intrepid Square, as long as my limbs are free and easy and not cramped or benumbed I am all right. Of late I



carry a stock of ST. JACOBS OIL in my little boat—(The Captain calls it "Baby Mine," and has stored in the signal rockets, thermometer, provisions, etc.)—and I have but little trouble. Before starting out I rub myself thoroughly with the article, and its action upon the muscles is wonderful. From constant exposure I am somewhat subject to rheumatic pains, and nothing would ever benefit me until I got hold of this Great German Remedy. Why, on my travels I have met people who had been suffering with rheumatism for years; by my advice they used the Oil and it cured them. I would sooner do without food for days than be without this remedy for one hour. In fact I would not attempt a trip without it." The Captain became very enthusiastic on the subject of ST. JACOBS OIL, and when we left him he was still citing instances of the curative qualities of the Great German Remedy to a party around him.

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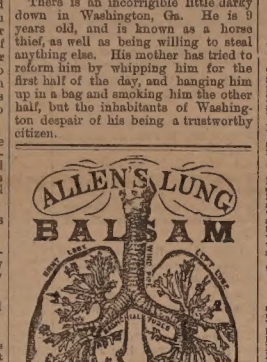

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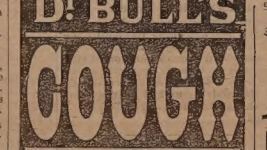

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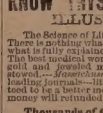

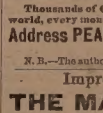

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